

18 September 2001

Dear Feneral Shelly,

All members of the United States Pacific Command are truly saddened by the terrible events of last Tuesday, 11 September 2001. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and loved ones of those affected.

On behalf of all the men and women in uniform, civilians, and families of USPACOM, please accept this flag that was flown over the USS *Arizona* Memorial nearly 60 years after that unforgettable attack on American sovereignty. Like then, this latest attack will galvanize our nation and our resolve will be strong.

Those connected with this reprehensible act will be brought to justice. Our Nation, Armed Forces, and the United States Pacific Command stand ready!

My best and very respectfully,

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